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SUBJECT: FISHERIES - NORTH PACIFIC OBSERVER PROGRAM

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO SEND FOLLOWING LETTER TO APPROPRIATE
OFFICIALS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND JFA:

BEGIN TEXT: "THE MEETING OF INPFC'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON
BERING SEA GROUND FISH IN TOKYO THIS YEAR RESULTED IN A DISA-
GREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH AMERICAN AND JAPANESE SCIENTISTS OVER
ESTIMATES OF THE INCIDENTAL CATCH OF HALIBUT IN THE JAPANESE
EASTERN BERING SEA TRAWL FISHERIES. INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC
HALIBUT COMMISSION AND UNITED STATES SCIENTISTS ESTIMATED
HALIBUT INCIDENCE IN TRAWL CATCHES IN 1971 TO BE NEARLY
DOUBLE THAT OF JAPANESE SCIENTISTS (5,100 MT VERSUS 2,800
MT). ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE ACTUAL INCIDENCE OF
HALIBUT IN WINTER TRAWL CATCHES WILL BE REQUIRED TO RECON-
CILE THESE DIVERGENT ESTIMATES.

THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE THE OBSERVER
PROGRAM IN 1974 TO CLARIFY THESE DIFFERENCES. FOR THIS
PURPOSE WE FEEL IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE OBSERVERS ABOARD
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TRAWLING VESSELS DURING AT LEAST JANUARY AND FEBRUARY--

PERIODS WHICH WERE NOT COVERED IN 1973. BECAUSE THE EXTENT OF THE FISHING AREA IS VERY LARGE AND THE VARIETY OF GEAR TYPES NUMEROUS, OBSERVER OPERATIONS IN 1974 SHOULD BE NO LESS THAN THOSE OF 1973. SINCE THE TIMING IS SHORT, WE

WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING BOTH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY APPROVAL TO CONTINUE THE OBSERVER PROGRAM INTO 1974.

WITH RESPECT TO THE 1973 OBSERVER PROGRAM, THE UNITED STATES WAS PLEASED WITH THE OPERATIONS. THE OBSERVERS HAVE ALL REMARKED ON THE KIND TREATMENT AND COURTESIES EXTENDED TO THEM ON THE PART OF THE FISHERIES AGENCY OF JAPAN AND THE FISHING COMPANIES, AND ON THE COOPERATION THEY RECEIVED IN CARRYING OUT THE SAMPLING PROGRAM. THE OBSERVER PROGRAM TO DATE HAS DONE MUCH TO HELP THE INPFC IN UNDERSTANDING AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE INCIDENCE OF HALIBUT AND CRAB CATCHES IN THE EASTERN BERING SEA." END TEXT.

2. SIMILAR LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO YONEZAWA OF JFA BY DIRECTOR, NORTHWEST FISHERIES CENTER, NMFS. KISSINGER

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